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SUBJECT: ESTONIA'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT  
CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN

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11. (U) We contacted Marje Luup, Estonian MFA External  
Economic and Development Cooperation Division Director, to  
discuss points in reftel and emphasize the importance the  
USG places on this initiative. On April 21, Luup confirmed  
to us that Foreign Minister Urmas Paet plans to attend the  
conference and hopes to speak on the importance of  
supporting Afghanistan. Luup said the GOE does not yet  
know how much it will pledge or if Estonia will be ready to  
announce the amount of its donation publicly at the Paris  
Conference. However, Luup indicated that the GOE's  
contribution will likely be considerable in relation to  
Estonia's size. (Note: Estonia's current budget includes  
approximately USD 400,000 in assistance aid to Afghanistan  
for 2008, which is 10 percent of its total assistance  
budget. End Note)

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